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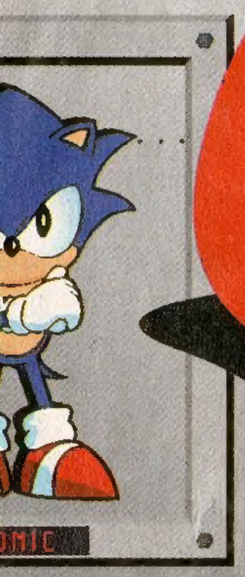

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greetings

HEY BOOMERS!

Watch how you handle the FREE *STC* Bike Stickers - they're wheely hot!. Time to put the brakes on and settle down to what's happening inside this issue . . .

First off is part three of **Roots.** Sonic and the Chaotix crew have been captured by the swamp creature known as Root who's trying to gain control of their minds.

Next off the block, Amy and Tekno find themselves stranded in space in the middle of a prison spaceship! Find out who's pulling the strings in **Day of the Puppets!**

Onto the third red-hot installment of **The Take-over** which finds Knuckles trapped inside an ancient tunnel system on the Floating Island. Can he save the Chaos Emeralds from being stolen? You know what to do!

I think it's time *STC* featured another competition don't you? Well, thanks to Walkers' Snacks, four lucky humes will win a cool Kit Prize worth £160.00 each in the **Walkers Cheetos Competition.**

As if all that isn't enough, **Girl Trouble** rewinds to when Amy was Amy Rose. Find out why she was once a frilly thorn in Sonic's side!

Remember, that your own artwork also gets the chance to shine when the **Graphic Zone** tunes into Sega Power! See you in a funky fortnight, Boomers!

Megadroid

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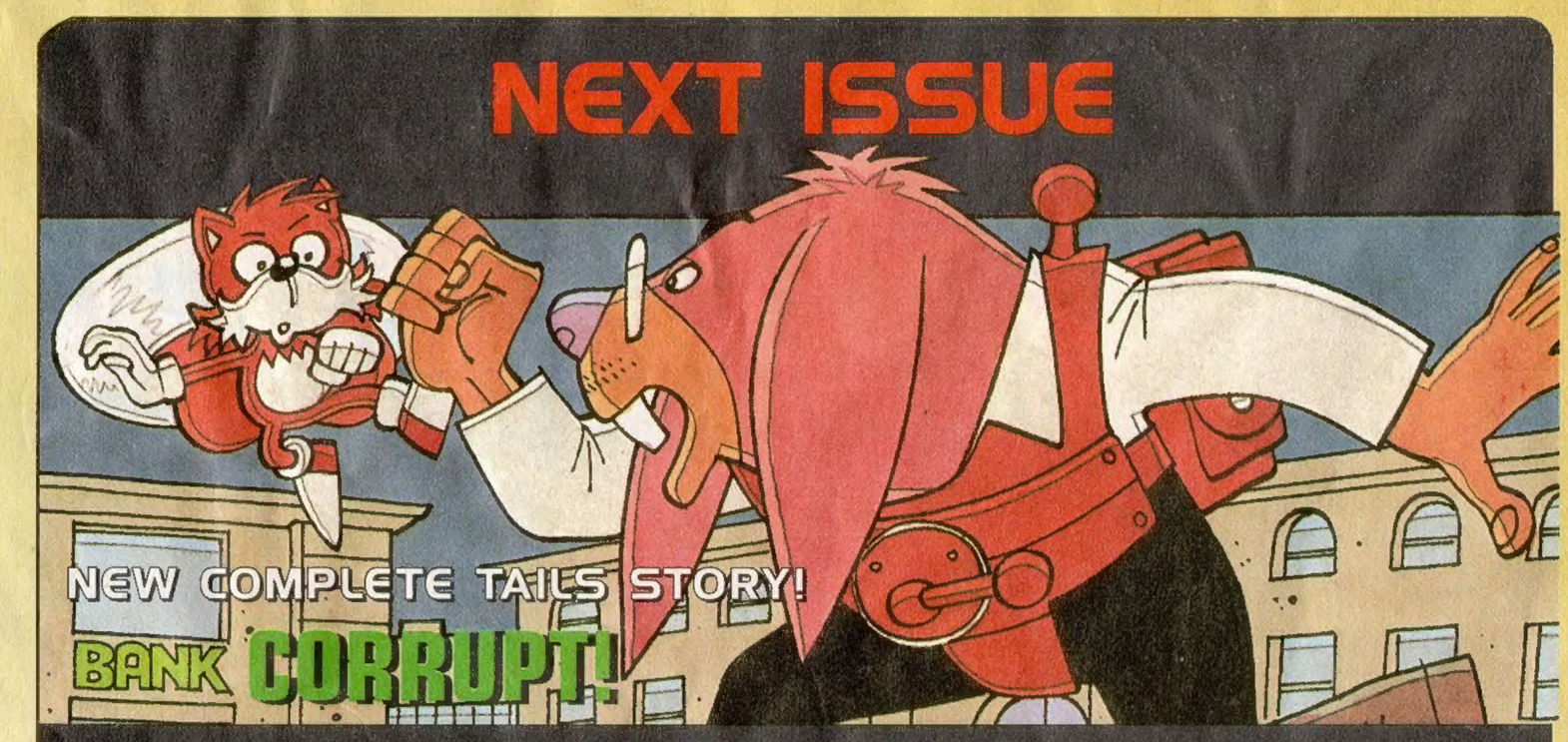

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THRILLING CONCLUSIONS

SONIC GETS TO THE ROOT CAUSE!

KNUCKLES SHOCK COLLAR!

PLUS

PIRATES OF THE MYSTIC CAVE!

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STC 138 - on sale Wednesday, 9 September 1998

PART 3

SONIC ROOTS

Script & Colour: NIGEL KITCHING • B & W Art: RICHARD ELSON • Letters: ELLIE de'VILLE

SONIC AND CHAOTIX HAVE BEEN CAPTURED BY THE MYSTERIOUS SWAMP CREATURE KNOWN AS ROOT.

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET AWAY WITH THIS! NOBODY CAN KEEP SONIC THE HEDGEHOG CAPTIVE FOR LONG!

I DON'T INTEND TO TRY. IN A MOMENT I WILL RELEASE YOU AND YOU WILL BE MY WILLING SLAVES!

YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING!

THERE'S NO WAY ANY OF US ARE GOING TO WORK FOR YOU!

THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG, SONNY! YOU'LL BE ROOT'S DOGSBODY... JUST LIKE ME!

DAD! WHAT HAPPENED? WHY DO YOU TAKE ORDERS FROM A CREEP LIKE HIM?

"IT WAS A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO. ME AND SAM WERE SEARCHING THE SWAMP FOR THE PARTICULAR TYPE OF ROOT WE NEED!" *

* THE TYPE BILL USES TO CHANGE MAX INTO A DINOSAUR - MEGADROID

"AND JUST LIKE YOU, WE WERE CAPTURED!"

NOW I DO ANYTHING ROOT TELLS ME... HE CONTROLS MY MIND!

YEAH? WELL I FIGURE SOME MINDS ARE EASIER TO INFLUENCE THAN OTHERS!

I'M AFRAID YOU WILL ALL BE MY SLAVES.

NO ONE CAN RESIST THE POWER OF THE MIND ROOT.

YECHH!

THE MIND ROOT LINKS INTO THE NERVOUS SYSTEM AND TAKES AWAY YOUR FREE WILL.

IN A MOMENT ALL FIVE OF YOU WILL BE EAGER SLAVES! THEN I CAN PROCEED WITH MY MASTER PLAN!

NO WAY!

KR-AAAK!

AND THAT GOES DOUBLE FOR ME!

YOU ESCAPED...THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

NOT REALLY. I'D BEEN WEAKENING THAT ROOT WITH SUPER SPEED VIBRATIONS!

IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE I COULD SMASH MY WAY OUT!

SO SPILL IT, WHAT'S THIS 'MASTER PLAN'?

I WILL HAPPILY TELL YOU... IT WILL MAKE NO DIFFERENCE, AFTER ALL!

THIS VIAL CONTAINS A SPECIAL CHEMICAL. A CHEMICAL THAT WILL ALTER THE ENTIRE PLANET, STARTING WITH NEW TEK CITY!

ALTER IT! HOW?

YOU WILL EACH TAKE A VIAL TO FIVE DIFFERENT DISTRICTS OF NEW TEK CITY.

THERE YOU WILL EMPTY THE CONTENTS INTO THE CITY'S SEWER SYSTEMS.

"THEN, VERY QUICKLY, NEW TEK CITY WILL BECOME PART OF MY MANDRAKE SWAMP.

"WITH ME AS ITS ABSOLUTE RULER!"

SO THAT'S WHAT BLOCKHEAD BILL WAS UP TO! ALTHOUGH HE WAS SO *STUPID*, HE COULDN'T GET IT RIGHT!

HEY, ARE YOU *INSULTING* ME?

OF *COURSE* HE IS, DEAR BOY!

FORGET IT, ROOT! YOUR INSANE PLAN ENDS *HERE*!

I DON'T THINK SO, SONIC. CHAOTIX, *RESTRAIN* THE HEDGEHOG WHILE I ATTACH THE *MIND ROOT*.

COME ON, GUYS, *FIGHT IT*! DON'T LET ROOT CONTROL YOU!

CAN'T BE DONE, SONIC! WE *WANT* TO OBEY HIM!

YEAH, I KNOW IT'S WRONG, BUT I JUST DON'T SEEM TO *CARE*!

SORRY ESPIO, BUT I'VE GOT NO CHOICE!

THUD!

IPPY-AGGGH! I SUPPOSE YOU'RE SORRY ABOUT THAT TOO?

SWAK

NO. I'VE ALWAYS WANTED A GOOD EXCUSE TO THUMP YOU, CHARMY!

YOU'LL HAVE TO BE MUCH FASTER THAN THAT, VECTOR!

COME ON, SONIC, TRY ME!

MIGHTY, I'M NOT STUPID ENOUGH TO SWAP PUNCHES WITH YOU...

SO I'LL TRY THIS INSTEAD!

THIS IS HOPELESS! I CAN'T FIGHT CHAOTIX LIKE THIS, SOMEBODY COULD GET REALLY HURT!

AND WHAT'S WORSE IS THAT SOMEBODY COULD BE ME!

GET HIM!

OVER HERE!

HE'S TOO FAST!

OH POO!

DON'T WORRY, GUYS... YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THE LAST OF ME!

I'LL BE BACK WHEN YOU LEAST EXPECT IT!

DON'T JUST STAND THERE! GET AFTER HIM YOU FOOLS!

ONE STUPID HEDGEHOG CAN'T BE ALLOWED TO RUIN MY PLANS!

THINGS NOT GOING TOO WELL, HUH MAX?

THEY NEVER DO, BILL OLD BOY, THEY NEVER DO!

NEXT ISSUE : SONIC V CHAOTIX!

ON BOARD THE SPACESHIP PRISON, **ASTRATRAZ**, A **BREAKOUT** IS TAKING PLACE...

GET HELP! THE PUPPETS ARE LOOSE!

DESTROY ALL FLESHY FOLK! GUGGETS RULE O.K!

NEW COMPLETE

AMY DAY OF THE PUPPETS

Script: LEW STRINGER B & w art: CARL FLINT Colour: JOHN M BURNS Lettering: ELITTA FELL

...NOT THE **BEST** DESTINATION FOR **AMY** AND **TEKNO** ON THEIR INTER-DIMENSIONAL TRAVELS!

WHERE ARE WE **THIS** TIME?

IN **DANGER**, AS USUAL!

HALT! WHAT KIND OF PUPPETS ARE **YOU** TWO?

WE PULL OUR **OWN** STRINGS, PAL!

NOT *PUPPETS?* THEN *DIE!*

I'D DIE OF *EMBARRASSMENT* IF I WAS BUMPED OFF BY A *WOODENTOP!*

FIND THE EXIT, TEKNO! WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!

BAD NEWS, AMY...

WHOK!

...THERE'S NO WAY OUT!

IMPRISON THEM WITH THE OTHERS UNTIL WE DECIDE ON A SUITABLY NASTY FATE FOR 'EM!

I SUPPOSE BED AND BREAKFAST IS OUT OF THE QUESTION?

YOU TWO AREN'T PART OF OUR CREW! WHO ARE YOU?

LET'S JUST SAY WE'RE TRAVELLERS! DO YOU MIND TELLING US WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND HERE?

WE WERE TRANSPORTING THE ***CRIMINAL PUPPETS*** TO A ***PRISON PLANET*** WHEN THEY BROKE FREE AND TOOK OVER!

BUT HOW CAN THOSE WOODEN-HEADS THINK FOR ***THEMSELVES?*** PUPPETS NEED ***PUPPETEERS***, RIGHT?

NOT WITH ***INTELLIGENCE CHIPS*** IN THEIR WOODGRAIN! WE NEVER THOUGHT THEY'D TURN ***AGAINST*** US, THOUGH!

NOW THEY WANT TO USE THIS SHIP TO ***INVADE A PLANET!***

PROBLEM FOR THEM IS THEY THREW THE ***PILOT*** OVERBOARD! WE'RE ***STRANDED IN SPACE!***

YOU'RE QUIET, TEKNO!

HMM... I'VE BEEN STUDYING THIS PLANETARY CHART!

HEY! ***PUPPETS!*** NEED A PILOT? ***I'LL*** FLY THIS SHIP TO A PLANET YOU CAN INVADE!

WHAAT? YOU'RE GOING TO HELP THE CRIMINALS?

DON'T RUFFLE MY FEATHERS, LOSER!

KEEP COOL! WE CAN TRUST TEKNO! I'M SURE OF IT!

I HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT!

SOON...

OKAY, WE'RE ENTERING THE PLANET'S ATMOSPHERE RIGHT NOW!

GRILLIANT!

SHE OBVIOUSLY THINKS HER LIFE WILL BE SPARED FOR HELPING US!

CHECK OUT THE *GLANET* AND THEN *VAGOURISE* HER!

VAGOURISE? OH, *VAPOURISE*, RIGHT!

THE SHIP LANDS...

FROOM!

FORWARD AND DESTROY!

POWER TO THE PUPPETS!

NOOO! TEKNO'S LANDED US ON A WORLD FULL OF GIANT TERMITES! AGGHH!

WOODEN PUPPETS! DINNER TIME!

I GUESS THE DUMMIES' PLANS HAVE BITTEN THE DUST!

FORTUNATELY I NOTICED PLANET TERMINUS ON THE CHART EARLIER!

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP! I'LL RADIO TO BASE TO PICK US UP AND... HEY! YOU'RE VANISHING!

WE'RE ON COURSE FOR OUR NEXT DESTINATION!

AT LEAST THERE WON'T BE ANY EVIL PUPPETS IN THE NEXT WORLD!

TOUCH WOOD!

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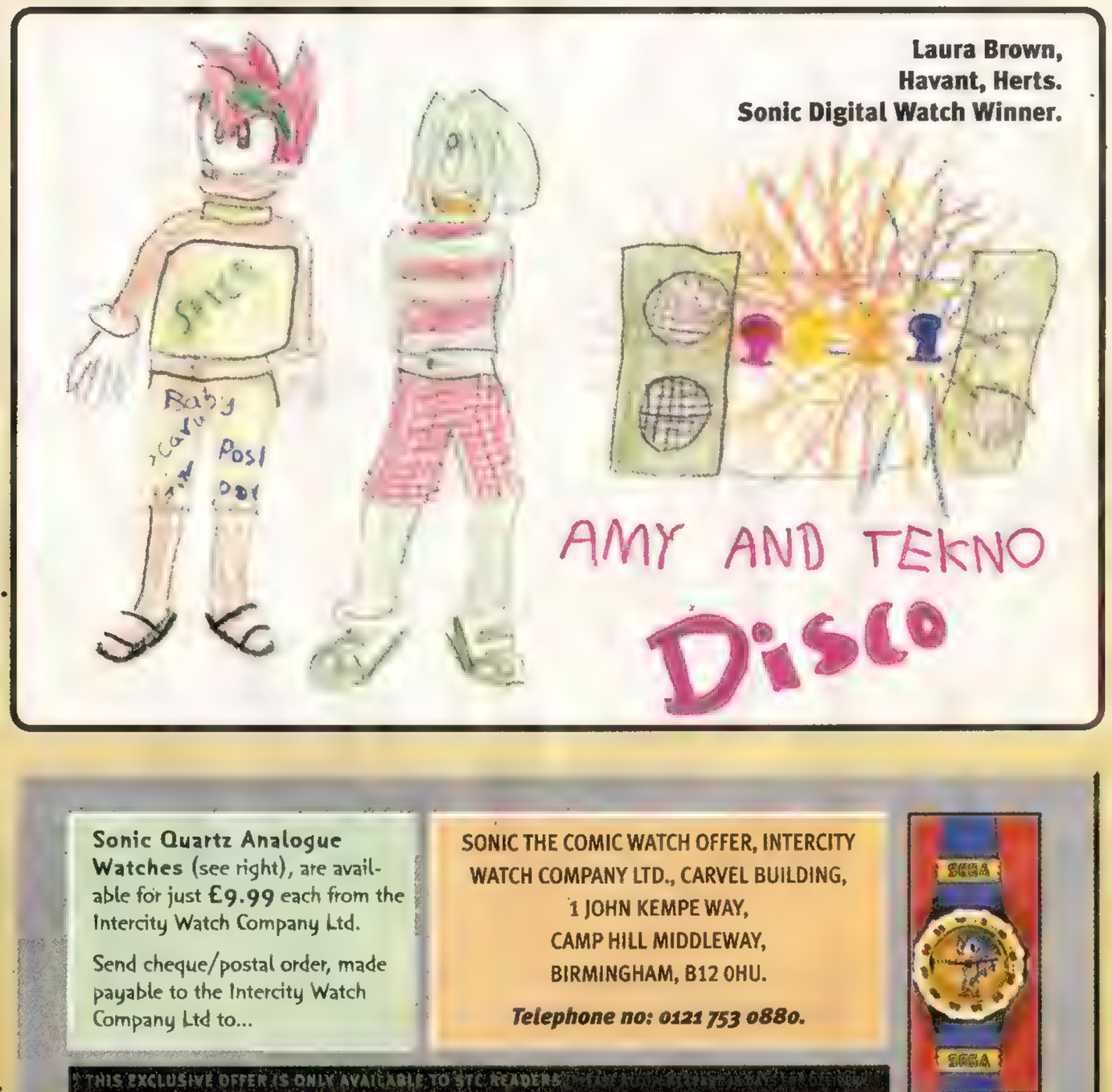

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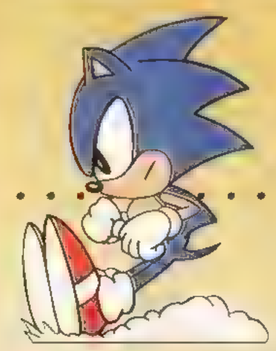

Either post your mail to:-
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... Or use the E-Mail service (see below for details).

LIFE SAVER

Dear STC,

I'm obsessed with art and I draw anything and everything and since a certain game was released years ago, I've made drawing Sonic and co one of my specialities (I had intended to send you some artwork, but then I remembered those nightmare things called GCSE's!).

Anyway, I was wondering, why the change to some of the strip colouring on computer? It still looks good - I'm just curious! Also, any tips on how to draw Grimer as I'll be illustrating a friend's comic soon.

Lastly, congrats on keeping teenagers like myself sane for the past five years since I've had to put up with comprehensive school!

Abby (Long Term Fan).
Please send in name and address.
Enamel Badge Prize winner.

The change to computer colouring came about as painted artwork can be much more time consuming, Abby. Artist Richard Elson says that he imagines Grimer's head as a large triangle, with his cheekbones as inverted triangles. Another suggestion is that you "get into the mind of the character", so in Grimers case, think like a toady, slimy little wormbag and you're half-way there! You can pick up a few more tips in STC 139 which features 'Whatever Happened to Grimer'.

Send your e-mail messages to:
stc@egmont.co.uk
Be sure to include your snail mail (postal) address if you want to win a prize!

MIND YOUR LANGUAGE

Dear Megadroid,

I've been reading through old issues and discovered back in issue 89, a viewpoint on swearing by Boomer Gavin Jackson.

Gavin commented that you don't print swearwords. Well, as most readers are kids like me, I would guess that you can't print them even if you wanted to! If parents find out that there's swearing in the comic, they might think that it's too violent, or they might even ban their child from buying it, and then STC would lose profit - so I say keep the bad words OUT!

Drew Smith,
Longfield, Kent.
GG, MD & Saturn owner.
Enamel Badge Prize winner.

You may have noticed Drew, STC already turns the atmosphere a special shade of blue whenever Sonic appears!

Those holidays are gone, No more lounging in the sun!

Richard Ash,
King's Langley, Herts.
Enamel Badge Prize winner.

Sam Hill,
Cirencester,
Gloucestershire.
Enamel Badge Prize winner.

RIVAL PUBLICATION

Dear Megadroid,

A while ago my sister also started getting into STC as well. Because of this, I made my own version for her instead and charged her 10p a copy! So far I've made 66, for which she's very pleased with. Anyway, it's almost my comic's second anniversary issue and I'll send one to you for FREE. I have to sign off now as I want to finish my comic which is due on sale tomorrow! Bye!

John Laird,
Ceredigion, Wales.
Enamel Badge Prize winner.

Very professional, John - but making a profit out of your own flesh and blood... That's something you'll never be able to do with me!

PART 3

THE TAKE-OVER

KNUCKLES

Script: NIGEL KITCHING • Art: NIGEL DOBBYN • Lettering: TOM FRAME

DEEP WITHIN THE **FLOATING ISLAND**, AN ANGRY **ECHIDNA** STALKS THE ANCIENT **TUNNEL SYSTEM.**

KNUCKLES IS NOT HAVING A GOOD DAY!

I'VE JUST ABOUT HAD **ENOUGH** OF THIS!

I GET THE FLOATING ISLAND JUST THE WAY I **WANT** IT, THEN SOME **IDIOTS** TURN UP TO STEAL THE **CHAOS EMERALDS!**

THEY BREAK THROUGH ALL THE ISLAND'S DEFENCES AS IF THEY **WEREN'T THERE**, AND ACT LIKE THEY **OWN** THE PLACE!

WELL, WHEN I GET THROUGH WITH THEM THEY'LL WISH THEY'D NEVER **HEARD** OF THE **CHAOS EMERALDS!**

MEANWHILE ON THE SURFACE OF THE FLOATING ISLAND MS ALPHA, MR BETA, MR GAMMA AND MR DELTA HAVE ENCOUNTERED A SLIGHT PROBLEM...

THE ISLAND'S **ROBOT GUARDIANS!**

DO NOT MOVE. YOU HAVE BEEN **WARNED.**

WHAT'S THE **PROBLEM**, MR DELTA? YOU SAID YOU COULD DEAL WITH THE ROBOTS!

FAZ-ZAKK!

I'M **WORKING** ON IT... I JUST NEED A LITTLE LONGER!

MR BETA, BUY US SOME TIME!

RIGHT!

TIME'S **UP**, MR DELTA... I WANT YOUR ANSWER... **NOW!**

I'M SCANNING THE ROBOTS' FREQUENCY RIGHT NOW... **GOT IT! SET YOUR CHAMELEON CIRCUITS TO 275!**

SWAKK!

YOU WERE **WARNED!** NOW WE MUST TAKE **DIRECT** ACTION!

INTRUDERS HAVE **ESCAPED.** SENSORS SHOW NO SIGN OF THEM.

IT **WORKED!** THE CHAMELEON CIRCUITS MEAN THE ROBOTS CAN'T SEE **OR** HEAR US!

MY DEVICES **ALWAYS** WORK, MR GAMMA!

WE CAN CONGRATULATE OURSELVES **LATER**... RIGHT **NOW** WE'VE GOT WORK TO DO!

THE TUNNEL WE NEED BEGINS IN THIS PYRAMID... ARE WE STILL ON SCHEDULE, MR GAMMA?

WE SHOULD REACH OUR OBJECTIVE IN A MATTER OF **MINUTES,** MS ALPHA!

*IN THE **EMERALD CHAMBER, PORKER LEWIS** HAS SEEN EVERYTHING.*

THEY... THEY **BEAT** THE ROBOTS! AND NOW THEY'RE HEADING **HERE!** OH DEAR, WHAT SHOULD I DO?

I'LL **NEVER** BE ABLE TO PROTECT THE CHAOS EMERALDS ON MY OWN!

IF ONLY **KNUCKLES** WERE HERE!

UNLESS I'VE MADE A WRONG TURN, THE EMERALD CHAMBER SHOULD BE JUST...

HEY, DID I JUST HEAR A **VOICE**?

WE'RE ALMOST THERE... JUST AROUND THIS NEXT...

HI GUYS. IF YOU'D WANTED A **TOUR** OF THE FLOATING ISLAND'S TUNNEL SYSTEM, YOU ONLY HAD TO **ASK**...

KNUCKLES?

EXCEPT YOU'RE **NOT** TOURISTS ARE YOU? YOU'RE **CRIMINALS**!

MR BETA... PLEASE DEAL WITH THIS **BOTHERSOME** ECHIDNA.

YEAH, I REMEMBER YOU... YOU'RE THE **MUSCLE**, RIGHT?

RIGHT!

FAP!

I WAS CAUGHT OFF **GUARD** LAST TIME...

BUT THIS TIME, BANANA BREATH, I'M READY FOR YOU!

KER-WHAKK!

SEE WHAT I MEAN?

MR GAMMA, I SUGGEST USING THE COLLAR.

NOW WHAT ARE YOU CREEPS UP TO?

SNAKK!

WELL, YOU DID ASK...

SNIK

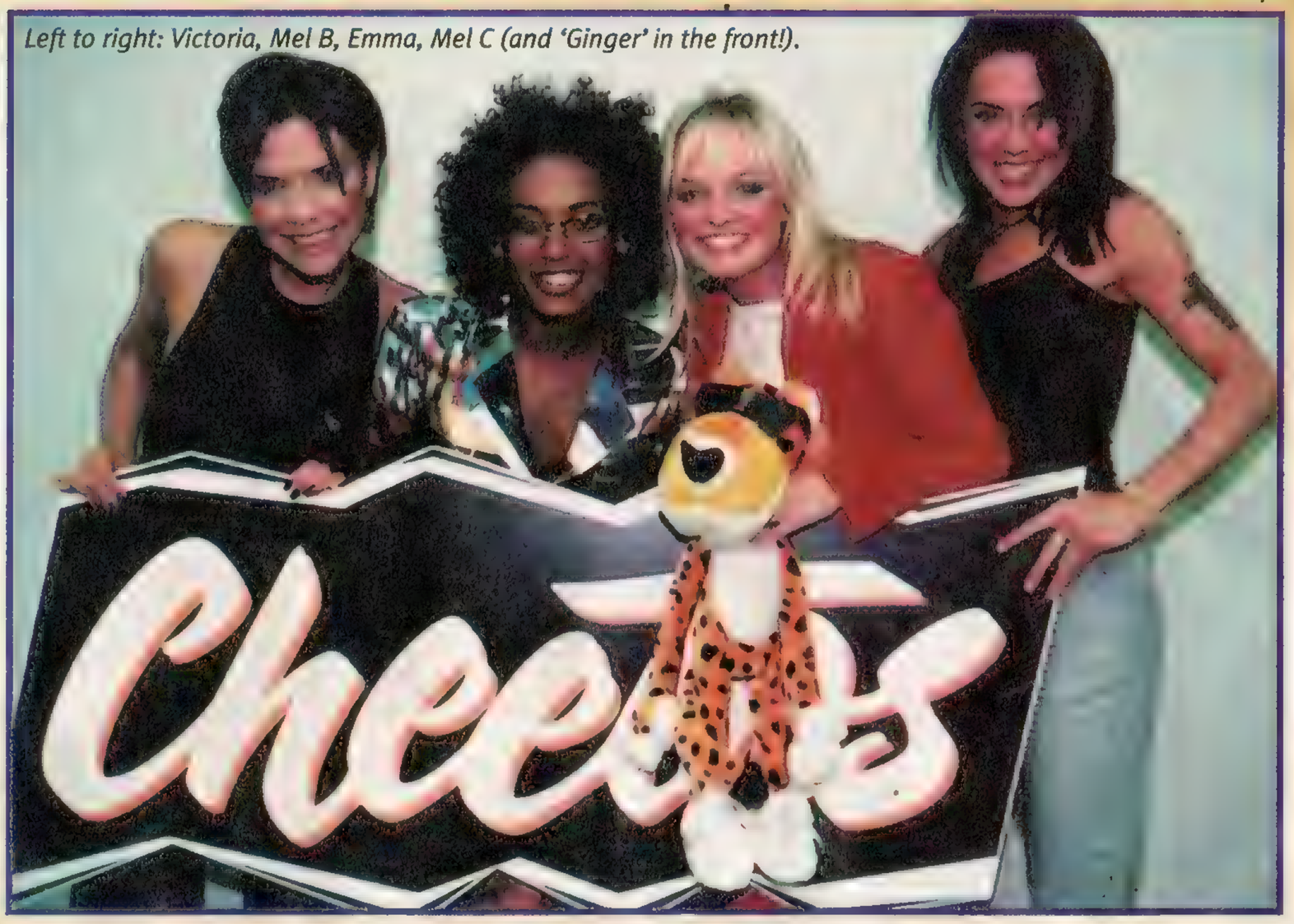
AAAAAAAGH!

SO NOW, ECHIDNA, WE WILL COMPLETE WHAT WE CAME HERE TO DO!

AND IF YOU HAVE ANY SENSE YOU'LL KEEP OUT OF OUR WAY!

NEXT ISSUE: KNUCKLES DEFEATED?

SPICE UP YOUR LIFE WITH A COOL KIT PRIZE - ENTER THE WALKERS CHEETOS COMPO!



Left to right: Victoria, Mel B, Emma, Mel C (and 'Ginger' in the front!).

It's official - the hottest summer event is here! Walkers Snacks have launched Cheetos - their cool flavoured cheese puffs, which are available at a shop near you now for 15p!

To celebrate, Sonic The Comic has teamed up with Walkers and are offering four fab kit prizes (each worth a mega £160.00) which contain:-

* Pair of great in-line skates (specify shoe size).
* Trendy paw print rucksack.
* Cool To Be Cool T-shirt (age 8-10, or 11-13 years).
* Stylish paw print sunglasses.
* Cuddly Cheetah.
* Mini football.
* 48 packets of Cheetos.

HOW TO ENTER:-

Q: Name the Walkers Big Cat who shot to fame in the first promotional photographs featuring The Spice Girls since Geri split from the group.

Clue: the 'face of Cheetos' was first revealed to STC readers last issue!

Please write your **answer** in capital letters, together with your **name, address, shoe size** (for the in-line skates), and your preferred **T-shirt size** (age 8-10 years or 11-13 years), on a postcard or sealed down envelope.

Phew! Now get your entry off before the closing date of **26 September 1998** to the following address:-

STC/Walkers Cheetos Competition,
PO Box 15,
London,
SW6 3TU.

Good luck, Boomers - and remember - no *cheating, just Cheetos (groan!)*.

THE SPECIAL ZONE: LOCATION OF DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S CURRENT BASE OF OPERATIONS.

A SHORT TIME AGO DOCTOR ROBOTNIK ENCASED HIMSELF IN A GIANT EGG SHELL.

KRAK!

NOW SOMETHING STIRS...

KRAK!

DOCTOR ROBOTNIK HAS CHANGED!

I FEEL DIFFERENT... MORE POWERFUL ... MORE DEADLY... MORE ROTTEN THAN EVER!

Sonic THE HEDGEHOG

GIRL TROUBLE PART 2

Script: Nigel Kitching **Art:** Richard Elson **Lettering:** Ellie de'Ville

THIS *HAS* BEEN A REWARDING DAY'S WORK! *SONIC, JOHNNY LIGHTFOOT* AND *AMY ROSE* ARE ALL MY *PRISONERS!*

DOCTOR ROBOTNIK IS GOING TO BE *SO* PLEASED!

MY DEAR SWEET SONIC CAME TO RESCUE *ME* AND HE'S *NEVER* FAILED YET!

SUCH *LOYALTY!* HOW TOUCHING. BUT I'M AFRAID YOUR BOYFRIEND'S RESCUING DAYS ARE OVER!

LISTEN, *GRIMER!* SHE IS *NOT* MY GIRLFRIEND! I DON'T EVEN LIKE THE SILLY GIR ...

... AND SINCE SHE MEANS *NOTHING* TO YOU I MIGHT AS WELL LET HER GO, I SUPPOSE?

COME ON, YOU DON'T *REALLY* EXPECT ME TO FALL FOR *THAT*, DO YOU?

HOW CAN ANYBODY BELIEVE I'D GO OUT WITH SOMEBODY LIKE *HER!* SHE'S NOTHING BUT *TROUBLE!*

SONIC, MAYBE WE CAN CONTINUE THIS *AFTER* THE ESCAPE, HUH?

NOBODY WILL BE DOING *ANY* ESCAPING TODAY, RABBIT, *NOBODY!*

DOCTOR ROBOTNIK?

HEY, WHAT HAPPENED TO *YOU*, EGG BREATH? YOU GOTTA STOP TAKIN' THOSE *UGLY PILLS!*

YOU WILL RESPECT ME, YOU BLUE PINCUSHION!

IN A FEW MINUTES ALL THREE OF YOU WILL BE CONVERTED INTO ONE OF MY NEW *SUPER BADNIKS...*

... AND ONCE THE TRANSFORMATION IS COMPLETE, YOU CAN NEVER CHANGE BACK.. *HA HA HA HA HA!*

PUSH, JOHNNY! WE'VE BEEN TRAPPED IN THIS OVERGROWN SOAP BUBBLE LONG ENOUGH!

WHAT GOOD WILL THAT DO, SONIC?

WATCH THE MASTER— AND *LEARN!*

BDDOING!

EVER TRIED TEN PIN BOWLING, JOHNNY?

SONIC? YOU'RE NOT SERIOUS!

STTEERIKE!

YAAAA!

KRAA555H!

URP! S-SONIC! I THINK I'M GOING TO BE ILL!

SOMEBODY... GET THEM!

I'LL STOP THEM!

NO! DON'T SHOOT, YOU IDIOT!

B-DOOM!

WOW! COOL!

YARRGH!

YOU OKAY, DUDE?

I WILL BE WHEN MY HEAD STOPS SPINNING...

HELP!

QUICKLY, GET ME OUT OF HERE!

I CAN FEEL THE BADNIK PROGRAM TRYING TO TAKE OVER MY MIND!

QUICK SONIC, *DO SOMETHING!* AMY HASN'T GOT MUCH TIME LEFT!

DO WE *HAVE* TO? I MEAN, COULDN'T WE JUST *PRETEND* THAT WE NEVER SAW HER?

SONIC!

C'MON, I WAS ONLY *KIDDING!*

NOW STAND BACK WHILE I BOP-A-BADNIK!

K-DANG!

SUPER SPIN-ATTACK!

I'M FREE!

DON'T REMIND ME!

HOLD ON!

THEY'RE GETTING AWAY...

SOMEBODY **STOP THEM! STOP!** STOP... SOMEBODY... GETTING AWAY...

SOMEBODY...

I SAID 'DON'T SHOOT'...

DONK!

B-DANK!

B-DUNK!

AND I MEANT...

...DON'T SHOOT!

DO MY EYES DECEIVE ME OR ARE YOU SMASHING THE LAST BADNIK THAT COULD HAVE CAUGHT SONIC?

ER... I... GOT A LITTLE CARRIED AWAY!

CARRIED AWAY? **CARRIED AWAY!**

WHEN I'M FINISHED WITH YOU, YOU'LL **NEED** TO BE CARRIED AWAY!

BACK AT SONIC'S UNDERGROUND BASE...

AMY'S GOING TO HAVE TO JOIN US, SONIC. NOW THAT ROBOTNIK THINKS SHE'S YOUR GIRLFRIEND, SHE'S NOT SAFE IN THE VILLAGE.

OKAY, BUT GET THIS STRAIGHT AMY, YOU ARE NOT MY GIRL-FRIEND!

ALL RIGHT SONIC, IF YOU SAY SO... I'M NOT YOUR GIRLFRIEND...

NOT YET, ANYWAY!

ELSEWHERE, DARK DEEDS ARE BEING HATCHED.

THE FINAL TESTS ARE POSITIVE, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!

YES! EVEN SONIC WILL BE NO MATCH FOR...

"OPERATION METALLIX!"

NEXT ISSUE: CAPTAIN PLUNDER!

FREE GLOW IN THE DARK STICKERS!

Buster

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